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METALLICA
THE BAND OF THE NEW MILLENIUM!
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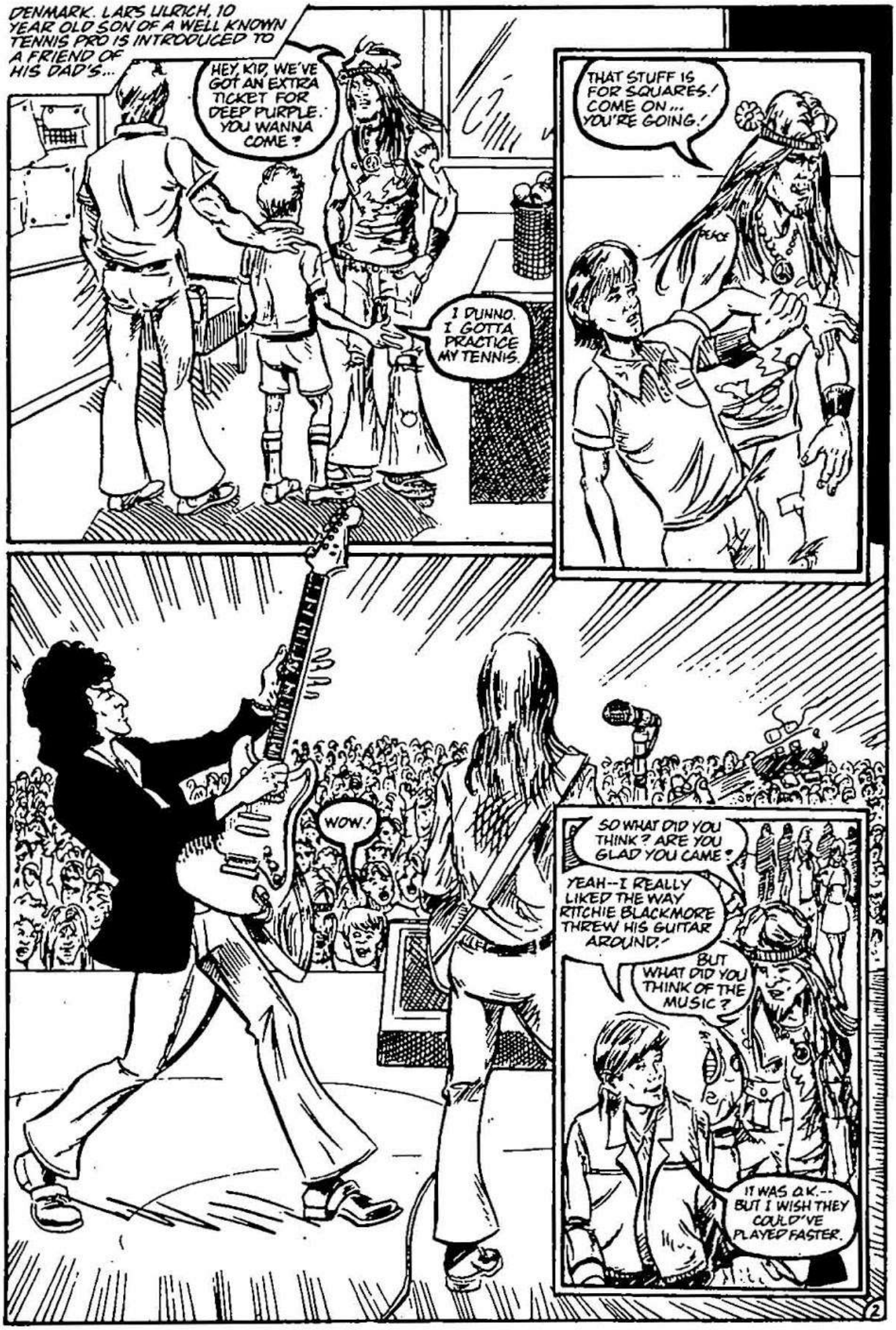
DENMARK. LARS ULRICH, 10 YEAR OLD SON OF A WELL KNOWN TENNIS PRO IS INTRODUCED TO A FRIEND OF HIS DAD'S...
HEY, KID, WE'VE GOT AN EXTRA TICKET FOR DEEP PURPLE. YOU WANNA COME?
I DUNNO. I GOTTA PRACTICE MY TENNIS.
THAT STUFF IS FOR SQUARES! COME ON... YOU'RE GOING!
WOW!
SO WHAT DID YOU THINK? ARE YOU GLAD YOU CAME?
YEAH--I REALLY LIKED THE WAY RITCHIE BLACKMORE THREW HIS GUITAR AROUND!
BUT WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE MUSIC?
IT WAS O.K.-- BUT I WISH THEY COULD'VE PLAYED FASTER.
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LA BREA, CALIFORNIA... JAMES HETFIELD IS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
Oh, HI, BITSY! ARE YOU GOING TO THE MALL WITH BUNNY AND MUFFY?
Oh, YES. BUT ONLY IF SKIP, CHIP, AND KIP COME ALONG!
I'LL NEVER FIT IN HERE—AND I'LL NEVER WANT TO!
LOS ANGELES, 1981... LARS ULRICH MAKES A DECISION...
I'M GOING TO PUT A BAND TOGETHER. I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOME REAL GOOD MUSICIANS. IF I CAN'T FIND 'EM IN L.A. I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WILL! MAYBE AN AD IN THE RECYCLER WILL DO THE TRICK!
Black Sabbath
G.B.H
VENOM
DIAMOND HEAD
AFTER MANY INTERVIEWS AND MEETINGS...
YEAH, I'M INTO MOTORHEAD AND VENOM TOO! IT'S REALLY TOO BAD THEY NEVER MADE IT BIG IN THE STATES!
YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! YOU LIKE A LOT OF THE SAME STUFF I DO!
I THINK YOU AND ME ARE A NATURAL TO BE THE BACKBONE OF A NEW BAND!
YEAH!
ULRICH AND HETFIELD SOON RECRUIT BASSIST RON McGOVNEY AND LEAD GUITARIST DAVE MUSTAINE.
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WELL! WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO, DUDES! HEY, YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION... COMING HERE! L.A. JUST WASN'T READY FOR ANYTHING AS REVOLUTIONARY AS METALLICA--BUT THEY WILL BE!
OKAY! LISTEN UP!
YEAH! IF IRON MAIDEN COULD MAKE IT ON THEIR MUSIC AND CONCERTS ALONE, SO CAN WE!
IT'S TIME FOR US TO MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS ABOUT THE DIRECTION WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THIS BAND! FIRST OF ALL, WE'RE NOT A "GLAM" BAND! METALLICA IS ABOUT MUSIC, NOT POSING! WE DON'T CARE MUCH FOR VIDEOS, AND WE DON'T NEED AIRPLAY TO MAKE IT!
THAT'S RIGHT...AND ANOTHER THING ABOUT THE CONCERTS--WE'VE GOT KIDS PAYING MONEY TO SEE US! AND I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO GIVE THEM ANY LESS THAN 100%.
RIGHT ON! THAT MEANS NO GETTING DRUNK BEFORE A PERFORMANCE! GOT THAT, DAVE?
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
AND ONE MORE THING... I DON'T GO IN FOR ALL THAT DEVIL WORSHIP CRAP! LET'S FACE IT, IT'S BEEN DONE TO DEATH! WE'VE GOT OTHER SUBJECT MATTER THAT'S MORE INTERESTING THAN DEMONS AND PENTAGRAMS!
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THE BAND MAKES A DEMO TAPE...
"METALLICA - NO LIFE TILL LEATHER"
...THEY START PLAYING MORE GIGS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, BECOMING THE LEADERS OF THE BAY METAL SCENE.
THEN, ONE DAY...
RRRG!
HELLO?
I'D BETTER TALK THIS OVER WITH THE BAND!
YEAH, I HEARD YOUR TAPE! THIS IS JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.
WHY DON'T YOU GUYS COME OUT TO THE EAST COAST TO DO A FEW SHOWS?
WELL...WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?
HOW ABOUT A RECORD CONTRACT?
WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
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ALRIGHT, HERE'S THE SCOOP... I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE EAST COAST. WE'VE GOT A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT THERE AND MAKE A RECORD! HEY, WHERE'S DAVE?
I DUNNO. HE'S PRETTY HARD TO TRACK DOWN LATELY!
YEAH, LET'S FACE IT. THE GUY'S GOT AN ALCOHOL PROBLEM.
I WOULDN'T MIND IT SO MUCH, BUT IT'S AFFECTING HIS PERFORMANCE!
HEY! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT ME, WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE EAST COAST WITHOUT ME?
I DON'T NEED THIS CRAP! YOU JUST BLAME ME FOR EVERYTHING THAT GOES WRONG! AFTER I TAUGHT YOU EVERYTHING YOU KNOW!
I'M STARTING MY OWN BAND! THAT'S RIGHT! IT'LL BE CALLED MEGADETH! YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM US!
YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT!
SHIT!
SLAM
SO, WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO FOR A REPLACEMENT?
YOU KNOW THE BAND, EXODUS? THEY'VE GOT A GREAT LEAD GUITARIST NAMED KIRK HAMMET, AND HE'S BEEN WANTING TO BE IN METALLICA FOR A LONG TIME!
LET'S GIVE HIM A CALL!
THIS FINAL CHANGE FORMED WHAT WOULD BE KNOWN AS THE ORIGINAL METALLICA LINE UP. LARS ULRICH: DRUMS. JAMES HETFIELD: GUITAR, LEAD VOCALS. KIRK HAMMET: GUITAR. AND CLIFF BURTON: BASS.

IN NEW JERSEY, THE BAND IS SIGNED--AND MEGAFORCE RECORDS IS FORMED.
KILL 'EM ALL, THE FIRST ALBUM, IS RELEASED.
THE ALBUM IS VERY WELL RECEIVED BY CRITICS AND FANS ALIKE.
METALLICA
KILL'EM ALL
METALLICA #1
BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD!
METALLICA, WOW!
ROCK INREVIE
KILL 'EM ALL METALLICA
METALLICA KILLS 'EM ALL. GREAT BUZZ ROCK HEAVY STUFF BOYS!!!
METALLICA! FANTASTIC R
LISTEN TO THIS! IN HERE WE'RE CALLED THE NEW KINGS OF "THRASH METAL." IN THIS ARTICLE, THEY CALL US THE LEADERS OF "SPEED METAL".
YEAH, I'VE ALSO HEARD IT CALLED "POWER METAL" AND EVEN "DEATH METAL".
NONE OF THOSE LABELS REALLY FITS! BUT WHO CARES? AS LONG AS THE FANS LIKE US!
IN AUGUST OF 1984, RIDE THE LIGHTNING IS RELEASED--AND THE BAND IS FINALLY SIGNED TO A MAJOR LABEL--ELEKTRA!
I SMELL PLATINUM!
I SMELL CHEAP COLOGNE!
THE BAND DOES SOME MAJOR TOURING OF EUROPE AND THE U.S.
BAT METAL
METALLICA RULES!

MASTER OF PUPPETS IS RELEASED IN MARCH '86.
METALLICA
MASTER OF PUPPETS
©ELEKTRA RECORDS.
METALLICA TOURS U.S. ARENAS, OPENING FOR OZZY OSBOURNE.

WE'RE MAKING RECORDS... BUT OUR FANS ARE HUNGRY FOR MORE! JUST LOOK AT THESE BOOTLEG RECORDS!
SO WHAT CAN WE DO... STOP PEOPLE FROM BRINGING IN TAPE RECORDERS?
Nah! JUST THE OPPOSITE! WE LET EVERYONE TAPE OUR CONCERTS THEN THEY WON'T BUY BOOT-LEGS!
EEK HH
AFTER ALL, BOOTLEGS DON'T HURT US ANYWAY!
BUT WHAT ABOUT COUNTERFIET RECORDINGS?
THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY, BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD A PROBLEM WITH THAT!
THE BAND FLIES TO EUROPE FOR A HEADLINING TOUR.
TONITE: METALLICA
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MAXWELL, CALIFORNIA...
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!
YEAH, WE GOTTA GET OUR SHIT TOGETHER!
GET A NEW BASSIST.
LET'S GO.
REMEMBER WHEN WE SAW THAT BAND FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.
YEAH, I THINK THEY'VE GOT AN ALBUM OUT!
THEY HAD A REAL GOOD BASS PLAYER.
YOU MEAN JASON NEWSTED? YEAH, HE'S A GOOD SONGWRITER, TOO!
JASON NEWSTED TURNS OUT TO BE THE NEW METALLICA BASS PLAYER.
SO, WHAT NOW?
WE CAN'T PUT OUT AN ALBUM JUST YET, BUT THE FANS WANT SOMETHING NOW!
I DON'T KNOW..THERE'S A STUDIO IN MARIN COUNTY. LET'S GO REHEARSE A BIT. MAYBE SOMETHING WILL COME TO US.
THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, THE CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND MARIN COUNTY.

MAN, THIS PLACE JUST DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT VIBES. WE'VE GOT STARSHIP AND NIGHTRANGER PLAYING ACROSS THE HALL! I'M TOO UPTIGHT TO PLAY!
WHERE'S JAMES?
HERE I AM, GUYS!

OH, NO! DUDE! WHAT HAPPENED?
I BROKE MY ARM SKATE-BOARDING!
SHIT, MAN! THAT LOOKS PAINFUL!

WITH JAMES OUT OF COMMISSION, THE BAND EMBARKS ON A NEW PROJECT...
YEAH, NOW THIS WILL BE THE KIND OF REHEARSAL STUDIO WE CAN BE COMFORTABLE IN! KIRK, BRING ME THOSE SHEETS OF PLYWOOD.
HOW LONG 'TIL YOUR ARM HEALS, JAMES?
BY THE TIME YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THIS WORK!

NOW WE CAN USE THIS STUDIO TO PUT TOGETHER AN EP. Y'KNOW, SOMETHING FOR THE FANS!
TO TIDE THEM OVER UNTIL THE NEXT ALBUM?
YEAH, WE CAN DO ALL THOSE COVER TUNES WE'VE BEEN PLAYING EVER SINCE WE STARTED.
BUT WHAT IF PEOPLE TAKE IT SERIOUSLY... THINKING IT'S MEANT TO BE A SERIOUS ALBUM?
THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM! IT'S NOT REALLY A METALLICA ALBUM... IT'S METALLIKATS!
BEFORE WE DO ANY RECORDING THOUGH, WE REALLY OUGHT TO DO SOME KIND OF TRIBUTE TO CLIFF, DON'T YOU THINK?
THAT REMINDS ME... I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH A BOOTLEG VIDEO DEALER IN DETROIT. HE'S GOT SOME EARLY FOOTAGE OF WHEN CLIFF JUST JOINED THE BAND!
LET'S MAKE A COMPILATION OF BOOTLEG VIDEOS FEATURING CLIFF!
THE VIDEO, CLIFF 'EM ALL, AND THE FIVE SONG EP GARAGE DAYS RE-REVISITED ARE RELEASED.
METALLICA
GARAGE DAYS RE-REVISITED
METALLICA CLIFF 'EM ALL!
METALLICA TOURS EUROPE WITH THE EUROPEAN MONSTERS OF ROCK. THEY DID EVERYTHING FROM IMPROMPTU SETS AT SMALL CLUBS, LIKE LONDON'S 100 CLUB, CAPACITY--300...
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...TO HUGE STADIUMS, LIKE DONNINGTON... CAPACITY – 70,000.
THE BAND THEN PLAYED THE U.S. MONSTERS OF ROCK AT WHICH THEY FREQUENTLY STOLE THE SHOW.' THEY SHARED BILLING WITH VAN HALEN, SCORPIONS, DOKKEN, AND KINGDOM COME.'
ENTRANCE
WHEN IT WAS TIME TO COME UP WITH A NEW ALBUM, IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE 2 RECORD SET, ...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
THEY SHARED DRESSING ROOMS WITH DOKKEN.
DANNON BLUEBERRY YOGURT
...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL
WHY DID YOU RELEASE A DOUBLE ALBUM?
OH, WE COULD'VE PUT IT ON ONE DISC, BUT IT WOULD'VE SOUNDED LIKE SHIT.' MOST PEOPLE BUY CASSETTES THESE DAYS... BUT WHY SHOULD ALBUM BUYERS BE PENALIZED WITH A LOWER QUALITY PRODUCT?
THERE'S SOME TALK THAT YOU'LL BE DOING A VIDEO. DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D NEVER DO THAT?
WE SAID THERE'D BE NO POINT IN DOING IT.' BECAUSE NO-ONE WOULD PLAY IT.' NOW THAT METAL HAS BECOME MORE ACCEPTED, WE DECIDED THE TIMING WAS RIGHT. BESIDES, THIS VIDEO WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING YOU'VE SEEN OR HEARD BEFORE.'

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METALLICA IS NOMINATED, AND BECOMES THE FIRST METAL BAND TO PERFORM ON THE SHOW.!
CUE M.C.
SUMMER OF '89. METALLICA SETS OUT ON AN ALL ENCOMPASSING TOUR...
SO WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR METALLICA?
KEEP THE FUCKERS GUESSING.!
IS IT THE END?

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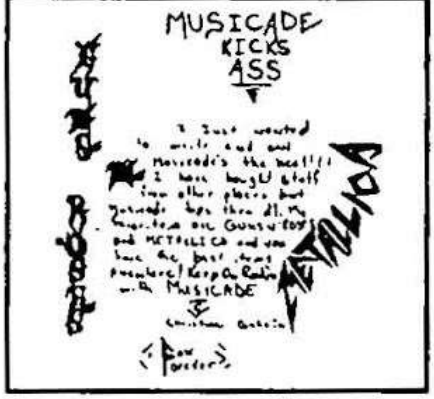

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METALECCHA

STORY: TODD LOREN / ART: LYNDAL FERGUSON

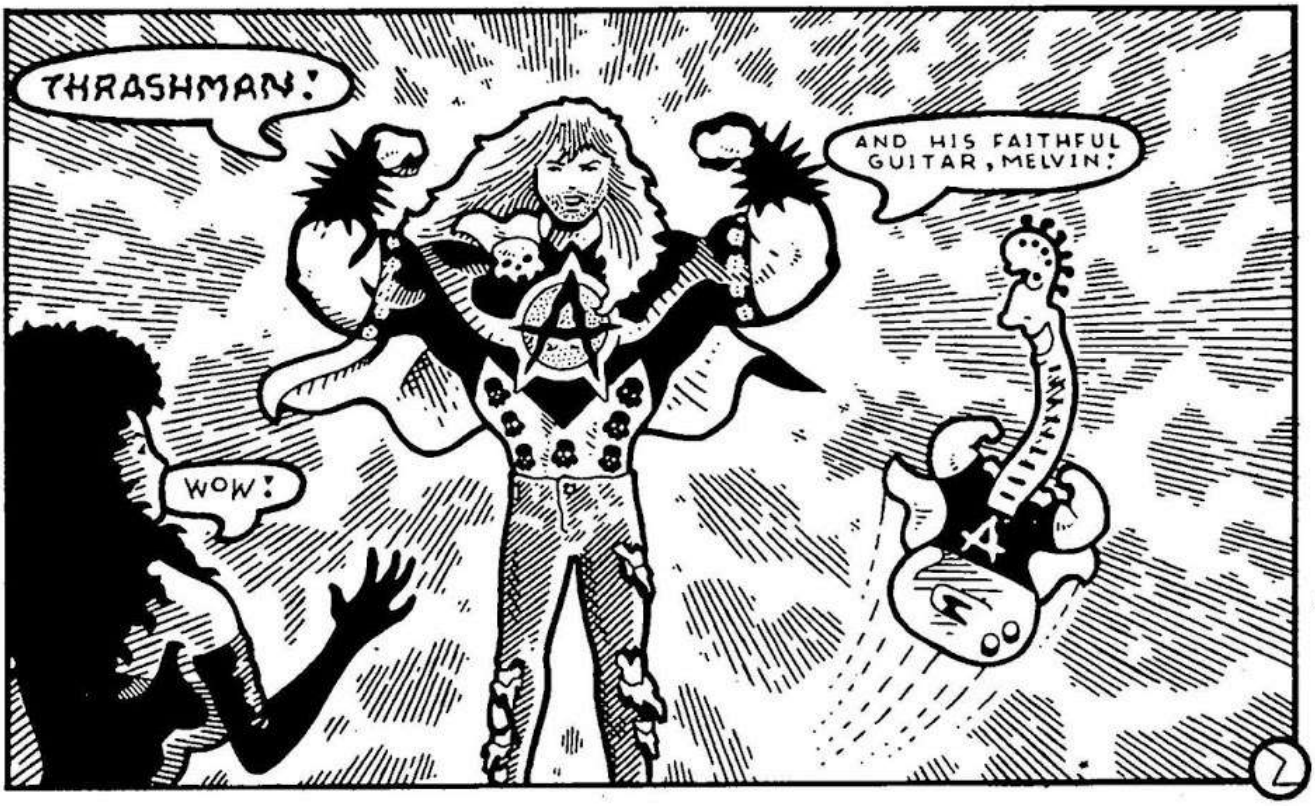
LARGE ULRETCH, BOY TENNIS PLAYER, VENTURES FORTH ON A SPRING DAY

TAKE THAT, YOU CHEESY DANISH!
YIPES!

HMM, LITTLE DOES THIS FOOL KNOW THAT THIS IS JUST MY SECRET IDENTITY.
ALL I NEED DO IS TAP MY RACKET ON THE GROUND TO BECOME...

TO BECOME... GAWSH DARN CHEAP FURSHLUGGINER RACKET! TO BECOME...
TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP!

AH, NOW IT'S WORKING! TO BECOME...


THRASHMAN!
AND HIS FAITHFUL GUITAR, MELVIN!
WOW!

HI-YO, MELVIN! OY VEY!
YES, WELL, I GIVE IT A THUMBS DOWN. FIRST OF ALL, THIS "LARGE ULRETCH" IS SUPPOSED TO BE A TAKE OFF ON LARS ULRICH, RIGHT? WELL, LARS DOESN'T EVEN PLAY THE GUITAR, SO WHY IS HE FLYING ONE? AND FUTHERMORE...
SMASSH!
LOOK OUT!
THIS THING'S OUT OF CONTROL!
AAAAHH
MTV
SMEESH: SOME PEOPLE WILL DO ANYTHING TO GET ON MTV!
KRAHH
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BUT ALL IS NOT LOST, FOR MEANWHILE, IN THE SAME COMICBOOK . . .
IT IS I, JAMES HARDFEEL (FORMERLY FULLBAUM) ALSO KNOWN AS . .
MEGA BREATH
BONK!
OH
HARVEY
HEADBANGER AND HIS SKATEBOARD, HARVEY!
SO! YOU FOOLISH SCUM SEEK TO DESTROY JOHN MaCINTROLL!
BRATMAN
HEAD BANGER
YOU ARE THE PITS OF THE WORLD!
WHOOSH
BANG!
OW!
BAM
POP!
SNAP
CRAIK
BOOM!
CRASH!
KLARN!
POW!
WOW! TALK ABOUT GARAGE DAZE RE-RE-RE-REVISITED!

HEY MON, ITS... STAN BACK!

SCRIPT- TODD LOREN CASTING - LARRY NADOLSKY-

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HALT YOU SCUM

WELCOME TOOOO DA JUNGLE

JUNGLE

WELCOME TOOO THA

BUDDA BUDDA BU

SB 1

ARE YOU AN AMERICAN CITIZEN?

YEAH

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

IN A HOSPITAL

WHAT CITY?

NEW JERSEY

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

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NEW JERSEY IS A STATE. NOT A CITY!
YEAH, I MEANT JERSEY CITY!
HEY PAL, WHAT ABOUT YOU! WHAT AMERICAN CITY WERE YOU BORN IN?!
URK
HEY BIFF, BUSTER AND POINTDEXSTER INVITE THIS GUY IN...
LATER...
WHERE AM I?
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
ADIOS AMIGO!
BIENVENIDOS TIJUANA
END

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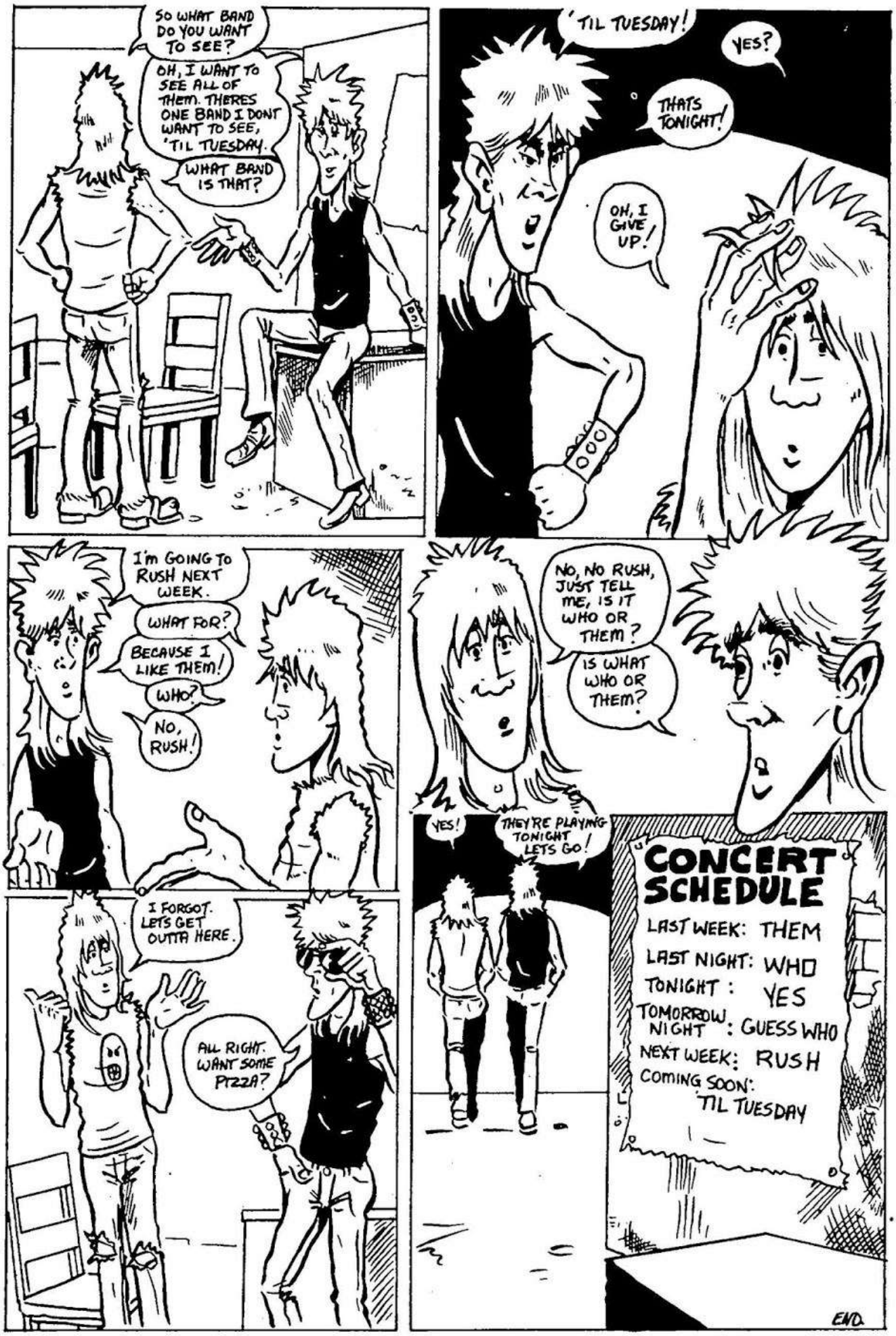
SO WHAT BAND DO YOU WANT TO SEE?
OH, I WANT TO SEE ALL OF THEM. THERES ONE BAND I DONT WANT TO SEE, 'TIL TUESDAY.
WHAT BAND IS THAT?
'TIL TUESDAY!
YES?
THATS TONIGHT!
OH, I GIVE UP!
I'm GOING TO RUSH NEXT WEEK.
WHAT FOR?
BECAUSE I LIKE THEM!
WHO?
NO, RUSH!
NO, NO RUSH, JUST TELL ME, IS IT WHO OR THEM?
IS WHAT WHO OR THEM?
I FORGOT. LETS GET OUTTA HERE.
ALL RIGHT. WANT SOME PIZZA?
YES!
THEY'RE PLAYING TONIGHT LETS GO!
CONCERT SCHEDULE
LAST WEEK: THEM
LAST NIGHT: WHO
TONIGHT: YES
TOMORROW NIGHT: GUESS WHO
NEXT WEEK: RUSH
COMING SOON: 'TIL TUESDAY
END

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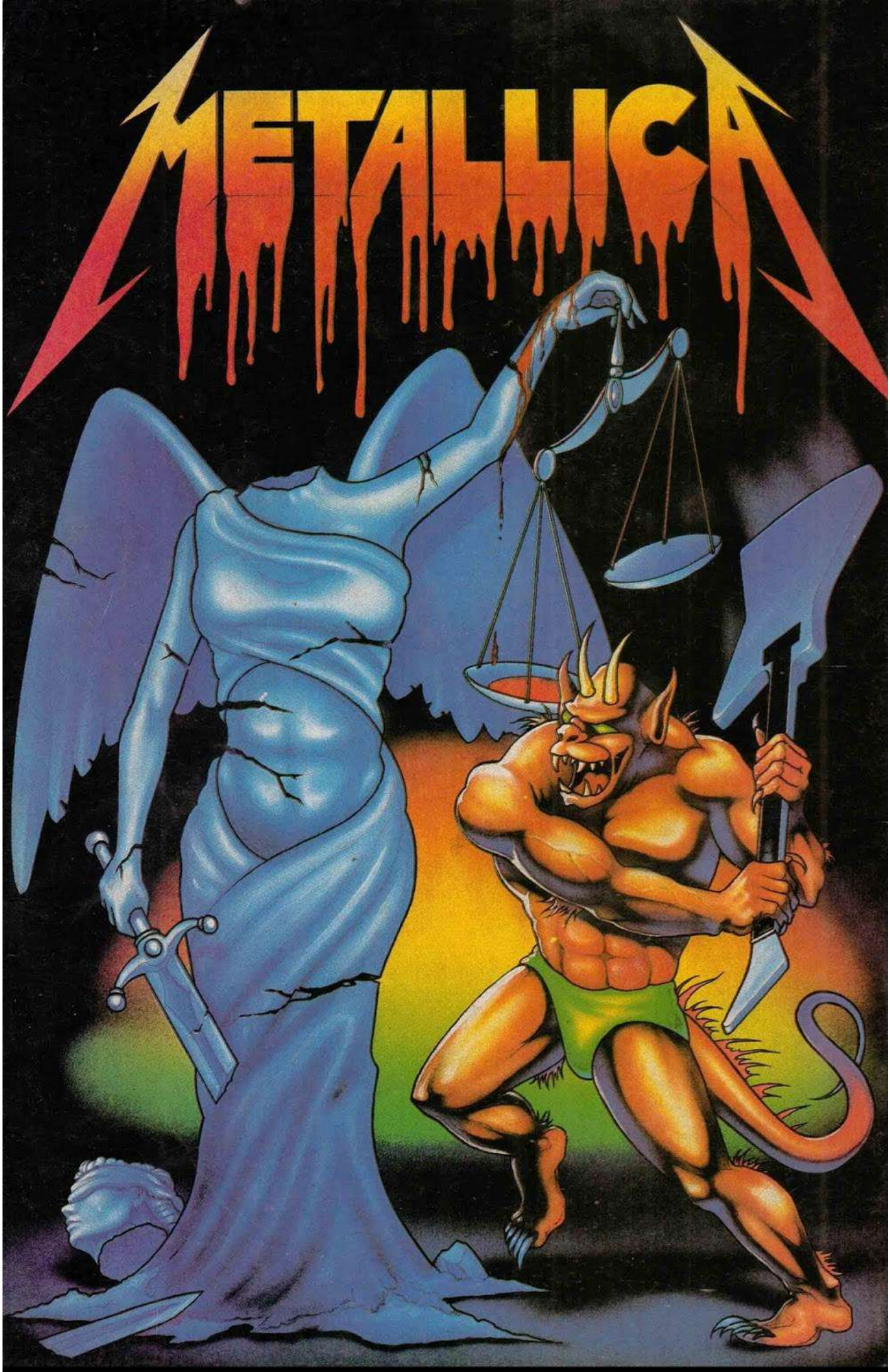

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